

sued any instructions to States for reservation of seats for backward classes in technical institutes/colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States, where this provision exists at present?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Several States have reserved seats for backward classes in technical institutions. Details are being collected.

[English]

Performance of Indian Contingent in Asiad and Olympic Games

4411. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of measures taken for better performance of the Indian Contingent in the ensuing ASIAD and Olympic Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): The measures taken for better performance of the Indian Contingent in ensuring ASIAD and Olympic Games includes top level coaching and competition programmes in respect of both Olympic and Asian Games in identified disciplines. These plans are finalised and reviewed where necessary, in close consultation with National Federations and the Indian Olympic Association, who are primarily responsible for the preparation and performance of our national teams. The

Sports Authority of India provides necessary equipment, infrastructure support, and services of foreign coaches wherever necessary.

Residential Schools in Rural Areas

4412. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open free Residential Schools in rural areas to provide education to the economically backward children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages establishment of one Vidyalaya, on an average, in each district of the Country in order to provide good quality modern education to talented children irrespective of their families' socio-economic condition. 75% of seats in these fully residential schools are reserved for children from rural areas. So far, 280 such Vidyalayas have been sanctioned.

Supply of Rice to Tribal Areas

4413. SHRI BASU DEV ACHARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals residing in integrated tribal development project villages are supplied with rice at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government propose to extend this programme to non-integrated tribal development project areas in order to cover entire tribal population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). Under a scheme being implemented by the Government, rice and wheat are issued to the State Governments/ Union Territories for distribution at specially subsidised rates to the people living in areas covered under the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP). The current subsidised end retail prices fixed for different varieties of rice are as follows:—

(Rs. per quintal)

Rice (Common)	352
Rice (Fine)	412
Rice (Superfine)	433

The above scheme is applicable to the tribal majority States also.

Supply of Boiled Rice to Kerala

4414. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Keralites prefer boiled rice;

(b) if so, whether the percentage of boiled rice supplied to Kerala is proposed to be increased; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The quantity of boiled rice supplied to Kerala for the Public Distribution System during 1991 was 11.05 lakh tonnes as compared to 9.87 lakh tonnes supplied during 1990. The Food Corporation of India endeavours to meet the variety-wise preference of rice of the State Governments to the

extent possible depending upon the availability of stocks.

Sale of Mustard and Vegetable Oil

4415. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI RAM KRISHNA
KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vegetable oil and mustard oil being sold at retail sale centres are being adulterated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The implementation of Perversion of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 primarily rests with the State/ Union Territory Governments. As per the information received from the States/Union Territories there have been some cases of sale of adulterated edible vegetable oils including mustard oil.

(c) The States/Union Territories have been requested from time to time to keep a vigil an quality of edible oils sold in the market.

[Translation]

Coal Technologies Developed by Science and Technology

4416. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister to ENVIRONMENT FOR- ESTS be pleased to state: